



Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the Title on page 1 as shown below:

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR UTILIZING AN EXCLUSION LIST DATABASE FOR CASINOS

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, at line 21 as shown below:

Typically this information may include, but is not limited to: the individual's name, address, Driver's License (state and number), Social Security Number (SSN), ~~checking account Magnetic Ink Character Recognition (MICR) information,~~ and could also include personal information such as a recent photo of the individual. The applicant is required to sign a Waiver of Liability as well as an Authorization and Request to Release Information form. After a careful screening process, to determine the applicant has made a sound decision by placing their name on the list, the state will add the applicant name to the list. Once the information is reviewed and processed by an agent of the Missouri Gaming Commission, the individual is informed that his or her name has been placed on the gambler's exclusion list and he or she will be held liable for criminal trespass, if found in a gaming establishment. A copy of the exclusion list is circulated on a regular basis to casinos. Failure of casinos to identify and exclude individuals on the exclusion list can result in fines and or the closure of the establishment. In Missouri, there is legislation enforcing the exclusion of individuals who are listed on the state's exclusion list. A number of other states are expected to follow with similar enforcement provisions in the near future.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, at line 5 as shown below:

Current concerns for the casinos would be the check writer's time spent waiting in line (while their information is reviewed and compared against the list), the accuracy and thoroughness of the teller taking the check and comparing [[it]] the information presented by the check writer to the list, the possibility of rejecting a check writer in error, and the possibility of facing fines and/or penalties from taking a check from a person on the list. Penalties are imposed on the casino if a person on the list is found anywhere on the premises.

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These penalties are determined at the discretion of the state gaming commission and could ultimately lead to closure of the establishment.